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Disease not 'diverse' enough for support

Students pull fundraising since CF 'only' hits whites, men

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An Ottawa university students' group has voted to stop its annual fundraiser for cystic fibrosis (CF), on the basis that the disease mostly affects "white people, and primarily men," and is not "diverse" enough for students' continued support.

Although some student leaders yesterday downplayed the reference to race and gender, the Carleton University Students Association's (CUSA) resolution includes a line saying that "whereas" CF is a disease "recently revealed to only affect white people, and primarily men" CUSA will discontinue its 'Shinerama' fund raiser, which has raised nearly $1 million locally.

Meera Chander, who seconded the motion, said some students had suggested during Orientation Week that CF did not affect a broad enough range of people to accurately reflect Carleton's multicultural makeup.

"(CF) only affects a certain demographic of the population and we feel that we should be focusing more on a local charity … that applies to the demographics of Carleton University, because we have a very diverse campus," Chander said.

"I don't see the issue in the motion. I actually see an issue in not representing all of the Carleton community."

But Cathleen Morrison with the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation said that the students' assertions "are incorrect."

CF is the most common, fatal genetic disease affecting young Canadians and it doesn't discriminate among gender or skin colour, said Morrison, chief executive of the CCFF.

"Throughout the world, boys and girls inherit CF in equal proportions. The fact is … the health of girls has been more severely affected than the health of boys, in terms of their survival."

Further, "Caucasian" populations include people from the Mid-East, North Africa, and the Indian subcontinent.

"Lots of people who are dark skinned have CF, just the same as someone who has light skin," Morrison said.

Morrison said the CCFF hopes CUSA will reconsider its stance. "CF is always fatal, and it would be so much value to the families affected to have continued support."

But CUSA president Brittany Smyth defended the decision yesterday, saying that discussion before the vote focused more on considering a new charity than the issues of the race and gender that the disease strikes.

"Nobody identified themselves as voting strictly because it didn't affect everyone equally. It didn't appear to be anyone's main motivation."

CUSA will select a new charity to support by May.

WITH FILES FROM TIM WIECLAWSKI

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Text of CUSA motion to drop Shinerama

• Whereas Orientation week strives to be inclusive as possible
• Whereas all orientees and volunteers should feel like their fund raising efforts will serve their diverse communities
• And Whereas cystic fibrosis has been recently revealed to only affect white people, and primarily men
• Be it Further Resolved that: The CUSA representatives on the incoming Orientation Supervisory Board work to select a new broad reaching charity for orientation.

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Deal Spezza smiles for Reebok

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa Senators centre Jason Spezza appears at Pro Hockey Life in Kanata yesterday to announce a new endorsement deal with Reebok Hockey. Spezza joins NHL stars Sidney Crosby, Pavel Datsyuk and Roberto Luongo as part of Reebok's marketing campaign and will give insights into the company's product line.

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Leo shuns the limelight

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Businessmen aid Olympians

Mayor sends skeptical MPP a box full of answers

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On the eve of the city's debate over its transit future, a provincial politician yesterday questioned whether Ottawa can afford its ambitious light rail plan.

In a letter, Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Jim Watson told Mayor Larry O'Brien that he remains unclear whether the cost of land acquisition and utilities for the rapid transit plan had been fully considered. He also questioned Ottawa's capacity to finance construction and operating costs.

O'Brien called reporters to his office yesterday to draft a visual response. With cameras clicking, the mayor assembled two boxes full of engineer-reviewed documents that are in support of the transit plan.

O'Brien said he would have preferred to have the discussion months ago, but welcomed the MPP's questions.

"I'm delighted that a chap like Jim Watson would take the time to come in and ask the preliminary questions and now he'll have to take a little more time to come up to speed on the entire project," he said.

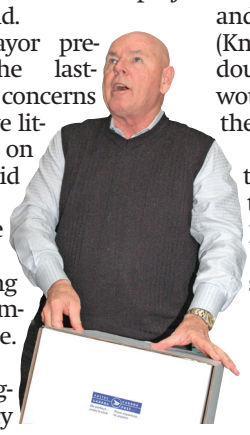
The mayor predicted the last-minute concerns would have little impact on "very solid support" for the transit plan during the upcoming debate.

Deputy city manager Nancy Schepers said the city's working closely with concerned provincial ministries and Coun. Gord Hunter (Knoxdale-Merivale) said he doubted Watson's issues would significantly impact the debate.

"If we can't answer those questions fully, then we don't deserve provincial funding. I think they can be answered," he said.

But Coun. Christine Leadman (Kitchissippi) said the letter highlights outstanding issues and suggested that council should take more time before making a decision.

"There is nothing to say, that in order to be fiscally prudent, we can't defer this until we've had all our questions answered and there will be a lot of questions," she said.



Mayor Larry O'Brien yesterday responded to concerns expressed by MPP Jim Watson about Ottawa's transit plan by sending him boxes of engineer-reviewed documents in support of the proposal. TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

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Holiday slowdown not likely, survey of city consumers says
A recent survey of Ottawa consumers by CRG Consulting indicates a recession in the capital is not likely this holiday season. More than 70 per cent of those surveyed indicated they plan to spend more money or about the same amount of money this year as compared to last. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ottawa

Council's green grades are in

Georges Bédard, Alex Cullen, Clive Doucet, Diane Holmes and Jacques Legendre are hailed as environmental leaders in the annual Ecology Ottawa and Sierra Club report card that grades city councillors on 16 key local environmental matters. Mayor Larry O'Brien and most councillors received 'C' grades. Jan Harder, Gord Hunter, Rob Jellett and Doug Thompson have scored 'F' in at least two of the three report cards. ECOLOGY OTTAWA/SIERRA CLUB

CUSA 'missed the boat' on cancelled fundraiser

CONTROVERSY Ian Thompson knows only too well that cystic fibrosis strikes boys and girls equally. The disease claimed both his son and daughter.

Jane Thompson died in 2003 at age 26. Her older brother, Robbie, died in 1998, at age 23.

So when he heard that the Carleton University Student Association had opted to end its Shinerama campaign because the disease mainly struck "white people" and "men," Thompson's reaction was swift.

> **"It's strange that people who are university-educated can be so ignorant of the facts."**
> Ian Thompson

"It's strange that people who are university-educated can be so ignorant of the facts," Thompson, a civil servant in Ottawa, said yesterday. "They should make their decisions based on facts, not on foolishness."

Thompson was once head of the International Cystic Fibrosis foundation, and met parents from countries like Romania and Uruguay whose children had the disease.

University officials had no comment yesterday, but community reaction appeared harsh. Call-in talk radio shows from early morning through to the afternoon, including Michael Harris Live on 580 CFRA, were swamped with callers.

"The reaction was mostly negative and strongly negative, and it was based on the idea that to pick out a demographic as a criterion for which charity you're going to promote and support was completely wrong," said Harris, the show's host,

"There was the qualification and caveat that the preamble to the actual resolution was where this objectionable stuff was contained, but the bottom line was basically if you're going to decide on the basis of what the demographic of need is, you've missed the boat." METRO OTTAWA

75,000 donors in 75 hours?

United Way seeks big push to hit $31M campaign target

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In the final push to the end of the United Way/Centraide Ottawa's annual giving campaign, its chairman wants everyone to spread the word to a neighbour – or six.

Between 6 a.m. this morning and 9 a.m. on Saturday – totaling 75 hours – the United Way is hoping to get 75,000 donors for its campaign.

Over the next three days, Ottawans will be seeing flyers and signs all over the city regarding the campaign. And to take it one step further, campaign chairman Sal Iacono wants people to "send an e-mail or tell someone" about the campaign.

"Within a short period of time we're bringing into the campaign people who have not had the chance to make a donation," he said. "It's a way of celebrating 75 years in the community."

The campaign closes on December 2. The drive had raised $25.978 million, or nearly 84 per cent of its $31 million goal, as of last night. But, Iacono said, "nothing is for sure.

"Our goal did reflect the economic downturn, but nobody could have predicted the huge downturn everyone is talking about."

Donations can be made by calling the United Way donation hotline at 613-228-6767 or online at unitedwayottawa.ca.

Government campaign beats goal

- The Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign for United Way/Centraide Ottawa has exceeded its fundraising goal, bringing in $19.123 million. The total, announced last night in front of hundreds of employees and retirees at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, exceeds the $19 million goal announced on Sept. 9.

Santa's postal elves help make holiday magic

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TRACEY TONG / METRO OTTAWA

Now the wait begins – Allison Scharf, 6, gets help from Canada Post employee and postal elf Elsa Ford in addressing and sealing her letter to Santa yesterday. Postal elves help Santa answer over 1.2 million letters every Christmas.

A little thing like a Canada Post strike is not going to get in the way of a happy holiday season.

Santa Claus's North Pole Post Office is open for business — and jolly old St. Nick's postal elves (Canada Post employees and retirees) are raring to go, said spokeswoman Nicole Lemire.

She said the strike will have no effect on the project, which has been receiving and answering Santa's mail for the past 26 years.

"This is a priority," she said at the national launch of the program at the Canada Science and Technology Museum.

As children from Vincent Massey Public School penned letters to Santa yesterday, Lemire explained that the program — which employs 11,000 volunteers a year — replied to 1.2 million letters and 45,000 e-mails in 27 languages and in Braille last year.

"Santa gets more e-mails every year," said Lemire.

But many children still like to write traditional letters. "They like to draw pictures and send their school pictures," she said.

Those extras from the children are what keep people like Lemire — who has been a postal elf for the past 17 years herself – loving the gig.

The things children ask of Santa are as different as the kids themselves.

"A lot of the kids ask for the gadgets," she said — iPods, Wiis and Guitar Hero, to name a few — but others have more serious things on their minds.

"Some kids ask for world peace and others ask for health for their parents."

Some of the things kids write about are so serious, Canada Post enlists experts to help with the replies.

Yesterday, six-year-old Claire de la Durantaye wrote Santa asking for a guinea pig and a Webkins whale. Her friend, Allison Scharf, also six, asked for "High School Musical stuff."

"(And) I wished him a Merry Christmas," she said of Santa.

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News in brief

FIRES Blazes early yesterday and late Monday night kept fire crews busy in the Ottawa region. The most recent destroyed a transport garage in Ottawa's east end at about 4:40 a.m. yesterday. The building began to collapse and all emergency services were put on standby. Innes Road from St. Laurent to Star Top, and Bantree Road from Old Innes to Newmarket were closed. Hours earlier, firefighters in West Quebec were busy with what they suspect to be arson. Gatineau police say a highrise apartment building was evacuated after a fire that started in a garbage chute spread. And on Monday night, a fire at a recycling plant on Ottawa's Albion Road took several hours to control. No injuries were reported. CTVOTTAWA.CA

Limit your water use this weekend

Residents and businesses near Bank Street, from the Findlay Creek development at Leitrim Road to Mitch Owens Road, are asked to limit water usage this weekend due to watermain work for the extension of water services to neighbouring Township of Russell. CITY OF OTTAWA

Consider policing no matter your size, shape or colour

When I was five years old, I wanted to be a peanut farmer.

A picture of a grizzled, yet happy-looking man on the packaging of a peanut brand my family always bought inspired me. But my career path was to change many times in the years after that.

Like every young girl, I wanted to be a veterinarian. Then a figure skater. Piano lessons led to dreams of being a composer. Dance classes fuelled fantasies of auditioning for the New York City ballet. I wanted to be a marine biologist because I loved the water and, finally, a journalist because I was always asking questions anyway.

But one career I'd never considered was policing.

It wasn't because I didn't admire the profession. It's because, at five-foot-one and 105 pounds, I believed I was just too small to make it as an officer.

But in today's world, that's just not true, said Ottawa Police Special Constable Floyd Hutchinson.

"Lots of girls who have that physical build can be officers," said Hutchinson, who works in the outreach recruitment section. "There could be a girl who's five-foot-one and 100 pounds who is in better shape than a man who is six-foot-two and 200 pounds. Size is not a factor."

In fact, lots of people — men and women of different shapes, sizes and skin colours, skill sets and languages — attended the recent Ottawa police recruitment information session.

CitySCapes

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Held monthly, the sessions give attendees the opportunity to ask questions about the process and to learn about other organizations, like CSIS and the military, which are also hiring, said Hutchinson.

"There's a need for police officers across the country," said Hutchinson. "The baby boomers are getting ready to retire," he said.

"We need people to fill the demand."

Instead of looking for the "big burly guys you see in old TV shows," Hutchinson said, "today's candidate is a bit more rounded — he or she has a fair amount of life experience, is involved in the community and speaks several languages. It's not about bulk and brawn anymore."

Sure, if you need to chase someone, you have to be able to do it.

But aside from physical ability, you need to be able to communicate clearly, think analytically, have self-confidence, be diverse and demonstrate self-control.

"Often, people have skills that can be transferred to policing," said Hutchinson.

"We need people with high-tech skills. We have people in social services, to deal with people in crisis."

Speaking more than one language is an asset.

"It's easier to make inroads if you have an understanding about the similarities, differences and needs of someone in that culture, and can understand where they're coming from."

It's nice to know I had a chance of making it as a police officer if I'd really wanted to, and that the option is open.

But don't expect to find me chasing the bad guys anytime soon.

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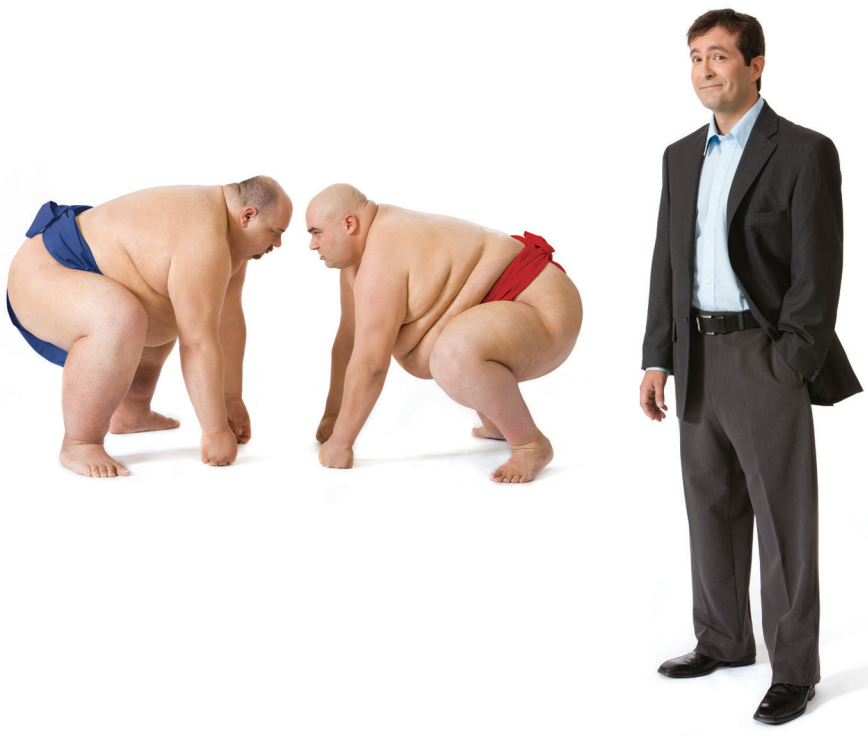

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Former teacher charged with luring children

A 34-year-old former elementary school teacher pleaded not guilty to 27 charges of Internet luring of children in a St. Stephen court yesterday. The RCMP have laid 16 more charges against Jude O'Reilly. The Mounties allege the charges involve as many as 25 young people. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Retiree finds name on watch list

A 66-year-old former school secretary from Vancouver Island says she has had to shelve her retirement dream of travelling the world because her name has appeared on an international security watch list. Despite recent help from the RCMP, Glenda Hutton, who has no criminal record, has been unable to get her name removed from the list. She was recently rejected from crossing the border into the U.S. CBC NEWS ONLINE

PM panned over economic stimulus

With astonishing swiftness, Canada's decade-long taboo on running a federal deficit has been replaced by a debate on how fast billions of dollars can be shoveled out the door to rescue the economy.

Stephen Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper now says a deficit may be inevitable next fiscal year as the country moves to weather the global financial and economic storms.

And his political opponents — all of whom had, like Harper, pledged during the campaign for last month's general election to avoid deficit spending – are now asking why he does not stimulate the economy more quickly.

The main criticism this week is that the government will wait till the annual budget early next year to announce a stimulus package, rather than in tomorrow's fall fiscal and economic update.

In response Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said he would advance the timing for the budget, normally presented in late February or early March. **REUTERS**

Funding trips up Ballet B.C.

FERNANDO CARNEIRO
Metro Canada

FUNDING There's no one left standing — on their tippytoes or otherwise — at Ballet B.C. as all 38 dancers and staff were terminated.

The Ballet British Columbia's board of directors issued a news release yesterday saying that "flagging subscriptions and low ticket sales" are to blame. The board called the move a "reorganization."

Leon Feizo-Gas said the dancers were in rehearsal when the announcement was made. "There were a lot of tears," said Feizo-Gas, who was in his fourth season with Ballet B.C. "I was shocked. It really caught us all off guard."

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO CANADA

Leon Faizo-Gas, at the Scotiabank Dance Centre downtown Vancouver yesterday, is one of 18 dancers terminated by Ballet B.C.

The one show still on is the presentation of the Nutcracker in late December. "We are asking everyone to go and buy tickets for Nutcracker," Barrit said. "If we sell out Nutcracker, Ballet B.C. will survive."

In the meantime, the board is asking for support at all levels of governments as well as from private-sector sponsors.

News in brief

FOOD BANKS Working Canadians are turning to food banks in record numbers and the demand is set to increase as the global financial crisis hits harder and people take lower-paying jobs, a leading charity said yesterday.

POLITICS Following the federal Throne Speech last week Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is hailing signs that Ottawa plans to give Ontario greater representation in the House of Commons.

ONTARIO TAXES The Ontario Liberal government is rejecting a recommendation from its own expert panel that corporate taxes be slashed to help struggling businesses. McGuinty said the harmonizing of taxes could lead to a dramatic increase in the price of consumer goods.

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Church upset at German man selling Jesus chocolates
Germany's churches criticized a businessman yesterday for selling thousands of Jesus chocolates. Frank Oynhausen set up his "Sweet Lord" chocolate Jesus-making business saying he wanted to restore some traditional religious values to Christmas in Germany. REUTERS

World

Keeping Mussolini's name alive

An Italian right-wing party is offering 1,500 euros ($2,400) to parents who name their babies after wartime fascist dictator Benito Mussolini or his wife Rachele, saying their names are under threat. The MSI-Fiamma Tricolore party, the descendant of Mussolini's fascist party, said the initiative in the poor, southern region of Basilicata was meant to keep alive names "at risk of extinction" and pay tribute to the movement's roots. REUTERS

Man sentenced to life for raping daughters

A British man was sentenced to life in prison yesterday for repeatedly raping his two daughters over a 25-year period, fathering seven children by them during years of violence and abuse.

A court in Sheffield, northern England, heard that the 56-year-old took pleasure in the harm he did to his daughters, whom he began abusing at the age of eight, threatening them with violence if they refused to have sex with him, Britain's Press Association reported.

The violence, abuse and incest — the man made his daughters pregnant a total of 19 times — recall the case of Josef Fritzl, the Austrian rapist who kept his daughter locked in a dungeon for 24 years, fathering seven children by her.

"When either one of his victims tried to end the sexual abuse, he threatened to kill them and their children."
Nicholas Campbell, lawyer

"When either one of his victims tried to end the sexual abuse, he threatened to kill them and their children, and when they threatened to tell police, he said they would not be believed," lawyer Nicholas Campbell told the court.

The convicted man's son described him as having a "Jekyll and Hyde" personality that could turn to anger in a split second.

The court heard that the father would hold his younger daughter's face close to a fire, singeing her eyes, if she refused to do what he told her to, and at other times he held a knife to her throat, threatening to kill her.

"The victims were too frightened to tell anyone, even their mother," Campbell said. "The defendant played Russian roulette as to whether there would be complications in the pregnancies and with the health of his daughters." REUTERS

Guatemala **Protesting violence**

DANIELLE LECLAIR/REUTERS

Activists dressed as mimes perform a sketch about violence against women during a march to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in Guatemala City yesterday.

News in brief

THAILAND Thousands of bemused tourists were left stranded yesterday in Bangkok after anti-government protesters stormed the terminal of one of Asia's busiest airports.

BODY Poland exhumed the remains of wartime prime minister and military leader General Wladyslaw Sikorski yesterday to settle the mystery surrounding his death in 1943. REUTERS

U.S. unveils $800B bank aid plan

MARKET The U.S. Federal Reserve unveiled an $800 billion plan yesterday to buy mortgage-related debt and back consumer loans as it tries to revive the lending market and steer the global economy away from a deep recession. As the Fed announced its move, the U.S. posted the sharpest fall in gross domestic product since 2001, likely joining Europe in recession. REUTERS

Obama vows to cut spending

ECONOMY U.S. president-elect Barack Obama vowed yesterday to cut billions of dollars from wasteful government programs to fight a growing mountain of debt and a faltering economy. REUTERS

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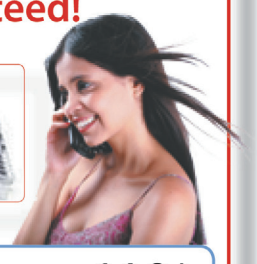

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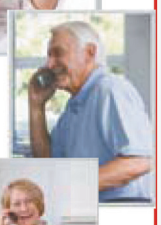

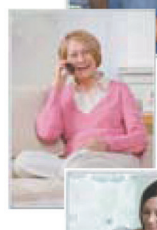

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Moon's spin on hate

Professor recommends repealing section of rights act

TheWestView

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My hero is a guy called Richard Moon. Other people have their Sidney Crosbys or Beyoncés, but I want Richard Moon's autograph. I'm thinking of mounting his picture on my office wall. He's the man.

Who, you ask, is Richard Moon? Well, he's a professor at the University of Windsor who has written a report, released this week, recommending that the Canadian Human Rights Commission no longer investigate complaints relating to hate speech.

Who cares about that, you snort? You should, as the Human Rights Commission and all its little provincial sprouts make it their business to monitor your every thought, word and deed and decide whether you're playing by the rules.

The only problem is the commissions make the rules with zero input from me or you, and they have a tendency to get zealous in their defence of the allegedly offended.

I've already written here about the sad case of Mark Steyn, the neo-conservative Maclean's journalist who was dragged through an interminable investigation hosted by the B.C. Human Rights Commission for the crime of writing a peevish piece about Islam, only after the determined complainant was turned down by the Canadian and Ontario commissions.

But not before the heads of both the CHRC and its Ontario counterpart, Jennifer Lynch and Barbara Hall, respectively, took public shots at Steyn. Even if they reluctantly concluded that they had no jurisdiction in the matter, they couldn't resist using their bully pulpits to bring him down a peg.

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Who do they think they are, journalists?

Anyway, my new hero was commissioned to write a report in the wake of the Steyn furor, and I bet it spoiled more than one bureaucrat's day as his principle recommendation is to repeal the section of the Canadian Human Rights Act, Section 13, dealing with hate speech.

He was quick to point out we already have plenty of protection against hate speech. It's called the Criminal Code of Canada, which bans the willful promotion of hate. But that's not enough for the thought police, who have duplicated these provisions ad nauseam across the country, just in case someone has an errant thought.

But in this social-networking age, every errant thought is posted on the Internet and the thought police are wearing themselves ragged trying to stem the tide.

So instead of trying to shut down hate-filled stupidity wherever it rears its head — destroying free and honest expression in the process — Moon offers the following common sense approach: "Find ways other than censorship to respond to expression that stereotypes and defames." Argument, debate, discussion, dialogue: Whatever you want to call it, it beats the kind of kangaroo court justice practised by human rights commissions.

Now, let's just hope someone doesn't complain to the human rights commission about Richard Moon.

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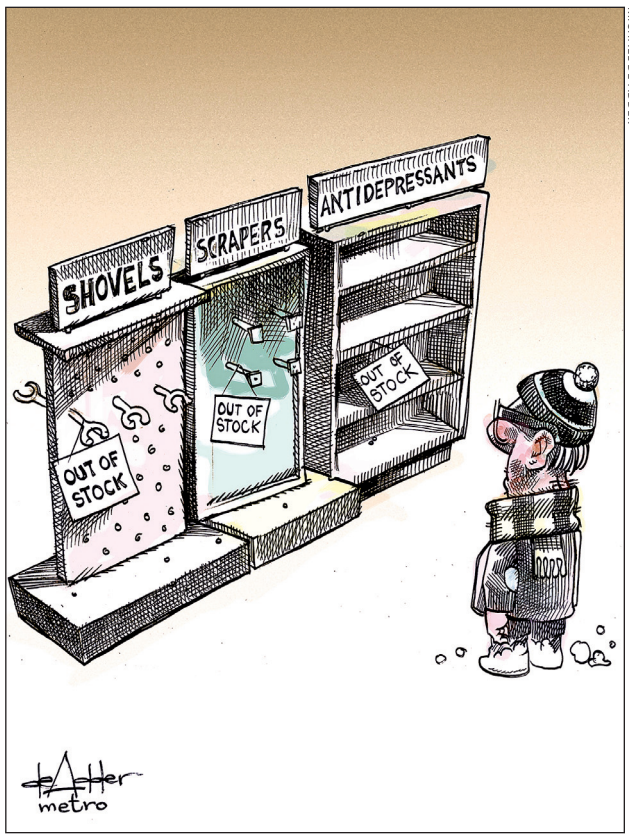

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Word on the street: Do you think the North American auto industry deserves a government bailout?

Pierre-Luc Bergeron
age 25, Ottawa

A: I'm not sure if they should have a full bailout from the government. But they should get some help because it's good to have the competition.

Kristen Dupuis
age 34, Gatineau

A: I don't think so. I think they mismanaged their money for years. Why should my tax dollars pay for a company that mismanaged their money?

Paul Scanlan
age 40, Ottawa

A: Yes, but only if conditions are attached, like the money is spent properly.

Miriam Beach
age 35, St. Margarets Bay, N.S.

A: The workers deserve it, but not the owners of the auto industry.

Steven Sunshine
age 24, Vancouver

A: No. I think the money should go to better things — like health care or housing.

metro life panel

Metro Life Panel

Results from the Canadian Metro Life Panel (441 respondents):

Yes: 19.8%
No: 68.3 %
Don't know: 11.9 %

Letters

Searching for son was a compelling process

Re: Season's-End Sadness (Oct. 28)

Rick McGinnis' words touched my heart and stirred a familiar haunted feeling. Mad Men depicts times that are very real to me — unwanted pregnancy, secrets and shame and then giving life to a beautiful baby destined for adoption.

Searching for my son was a compelling and healing process. Sadly, my accomplished, clever and handsome son does not welcome an ongoing relationship. I honour his choice.

At the same time, I long for a relationship while holding him lovingly and tenderly in my heart. His very being continues to shape and define my life.

MARGARET WOOD, EDMONTON

Time is now to act on Roots of Youth Violence report

Re: Probe Links Youth Violence To Mental-Health Neglect (Nov. 14)

The links between mental health and violence have long been raised by clinical and social scientists, youth agencies, and community advocates.

In raising the profile of the cause, we hope the recommendations of McMurtry Curling to address the roots of youth violence are adopted so that real action is finally seen in communities at risk.

In a new approach, any provincial reorganization should consider a revised definition of "youth," so young people transitioning from the childhood to adult mental-health system no longer lose proven crime and homeless-prevention services simply because they have turned 18 and no longer qualify.

The Roots of Youth Violence is an excellent study with serious recommendations. The time is now for those involved to demand real action from the premier, and not allow this to be another report that ends up sitting in a library.

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AIG executive gets salary of one dollar
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AirAsia Group CEO Tony Fernandes attends the launch of the new low-cost AirAsia X service in central London yesterday. AirAsia X, the low-cost, long-haul affiliate of AirAsia, is promoting a limited-time 99-pound flight between London Stansted and Kuala Lumpur International airports.

Car sales driven up 1%

Despite troubles in the auto industry, Canadians bought a lot of new cars in September, helping to push up overall retail sales in the month by an unexpectedly strong 1.1 per cent from August.

New car sales jumped 2.9 per cent in value terms in September and the number of vehicles sold also rose. The automotive sector as a whole — which encompasses used vehicles and parts and gasoline — rose 2.2 per cent.

Statistics Canada said yesterday the increase in retail sales was largely due to the first rise in new vehicle purchases since January.

Car dealers in Canada forecast that 2008 will be the second or third best year on record for new vehicle sales, even as auto manufacturers complain of plummeting U.S. sales.

"In all frankness, all economists are eating some humble pie on this one as growth in total sales nearly tripled estimates."
Derek Holt, Scotia Capital economist

The September gain more than offset August's 0.3 per cent decline in retail sales and made economists look excessively downbeat with their median forecast of a 0.3 per cent increase.

"In all frankness, all economists are eating some humble pie on this one as growth in total sales nearly tripled estimates, while growth in core sales ex autos quadrupled consensus predictions," said Derek Holt, economist at Scotia Capital.

The rise in car sales does not mean smooth sailing for the Canadian auto manufacturing industry, however, as about one in nine cars made in Canada is exported to the United States, where car sales are at depressed levels.

The good news is unlikely to last through the fourth quarter, as the impact of the global financial crisis hit the Canadian economy in full force in October.

"Don't mistake today's report for broader strength in the Canadian economy as businesses spend less on equipment purchases, housing is in retreat, commodity price declines are sparking key project suspensions and cancellations, and exports are getting whacked," Holt said. **REUTERS**

Petro-Can joint venture unlikely: CEO

OIL Petro-Canada will not give up a stake in its oilsands operations in order to acquire refining capacity to process the tar-like bitumen to be produced at its planned Fort Hills oil sands mine, its chief executive said yesterday.

Ron Brenneman said the company was not interested in forming a joint venture with a U.S. refiner that would dilute ownership of its oil sands assets.

It's more likely the company would buy or invest in a refiner, Brenneman said.

Both EnCana Corp. and Husky Energy Inc. have formed such ventures, surrendering half stakes in oil sands projects in return for an interest in U.S. refineries. The move allows them to avoid building expensive upgraders to process their oilsands bitumen. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

AUTOS Beleaguered automakers in Canada will wipe out at least 15,000 jobs and post staggering losses of more than $3.1 billion this year and in 2009 before starting a recovery in 2010, according to the Conference Board.

The slowdown in the U.S. auto market, a shift to more fuel-efficient vehicles not built in Canada and a strong dollar will continue to pummel automakers here for another year, the board said yesterday in its latest outlook for the sector.

A barrage of "structural and macroeconomic developments" mean this trend likely won't subside as 2009 nears, economist Sabrina Browarski said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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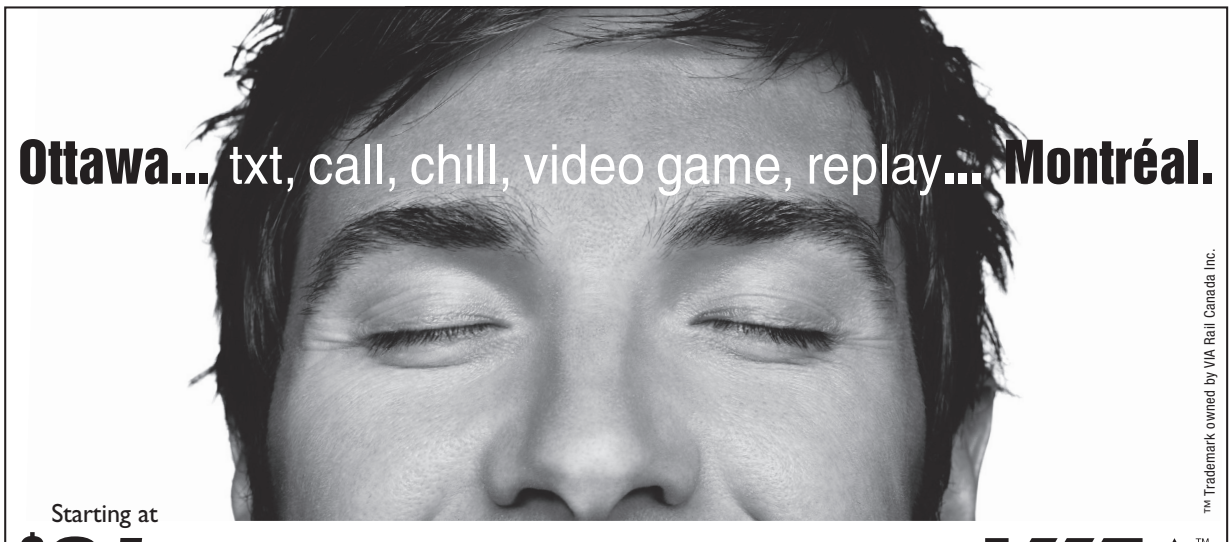

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Cisco shares fall on news of holiday shutdown

Shares of Cisco Systems Inc. were down six per cent to $15.41 US on Nasdaq yesterday after the network equipment maker said it would shut down most its U.S. and Canadian business for five days as part of its previously announced plan to cut costs by more than $1 billion US.

Cisco spokesman Terry Alberstein said in an e-mail that the shutdown planned from Dec. 29 through Jan. 2 would exclude critical teams such as technical assistance, channel partner and customer product ordering services.

The company, which is seen as a bellwether for the technology sector, announced the cost-cutting target on Nov. 5 when the company warned that revenue could fall as much as 10 percent in the current quarter as the economic downturn spreads. REUTERS

Rio Tinto to soldier on without BHP

MINING Global miner Rio Tinto Ltd. sees no need to raise equity and is confident of selling assets soon to pay off debt, its chairman said earlier today, a day after rival BHP Billiton Ltd. dropped its bid for the firm.

BHP's shock decision yesterday to pull its $66 billion US bid sent Rio's London shares plunging by almost 40 per cent, raising concerns that Rio would struggle to sell assets and bring down its $39 billion US in net debt during a severe global economic downturn.

"We are confident with our financial position. We have other ways of managing debt." Paul Skinner

But Rio chairman Paul Skinner, speaking at a scheduled business breakfast, said the group was comfortable with its financial position, dismissed market speculation that Rio would now need to raise equity and said it would make asset sales in the next few months.

"We now move on, we have a very strong company," he said.

"We are confident with our financial position. We have other ways of managing our debt."

Credit-rating agency Moody's immediately signalled a possible downgrade to Rio's high-investment-grade A3 rating, noting that asset sales would be a key focus of its rating review.

BHP Billiton cited Rio's debt position in scrapping its hostile bid approach, as well as sliding metals prices, the threat of global recession and demands from European competition regulators to sell off some iron ore and coal assets.

"The greater debt exposure of the combination, plus the difficulty of divesting assets, have increased the risks to shareholder value to an unacceptable level," BHP said in a statement. REUTERS

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Business in brief

SHOPPING U.S. retailers are trying to assure customers that buying a gift card this holiday season is still safe amid a flurry of industry bankruptcies and store closures.

Store gift cards had become a popular option in recent years, boosting sales and profits at many a retailer when redeemed in the weeks following the holidays.

But in a dismal selling environment in which shoppers have dramatically cut spending and retailers from Steve & Barry's to Mervyn's have gone bankrupt, some shoppers are questioning whether the gift card option is still safe.

Retailer and catalogue company Eddie Bauer Holdings Inc. recently sent an e-mail to its customers, citing a "hoax" e-mail it said was "intended to discourage consumers" from buying gift cards at its stores and other chains. REUTERS

Quarterly profit at BMO up 24%

EARNINGS Quarterly profit rose 24 per cent at Bank of Montreal, helped by tax recoveries, higher profit at its Canadian retail banking unit and new accounting rules, but the bank said yesterday that dividend increases are on hold because of the murky economic outlook.

Keeping "elevated levels of capital" is appropriate in this environment. Bill Downe

Analysts were split on whether the bank beat or missed profit expectations, but several said the numbers were sufficiently solid to relieve investors.

The market had worried about large writedowns after bigger competitors Royal Bank of Canada and Toronto-Dominion Bank warned they would take quarterly charges for securities and trading losses.

BMO also announced a $150-million preferred-share issue yesterday afternoon, the third equity financing by a Canadian bank this week as financial institutions put greater emphasis on higher capital levels because of the financial crisis.

Keeping "elevated levels of capital" is appropriate in this environment, and growth in the bank's dividend is unlikely, BMO president and chief executive Bill Downe told a conference call.

The bank's $2.80 per share annual dividend put it above the target payout ratio of 45 per cent to 55 per cent of earnings in the fourth quarter, so growth in the dividend is "not appropriate," Downe said.

But the current dividend level, which ballooned to eight per cent as the stock price fell, is suitable because of the bank's earning power, he added.

Canada's fourth-largest bank said that net income was $560 million, or $1.06 a share, in the three months ended Oct. 31.

That was up from a profit of $452 million, or 87 cents a share, a year earlier. REUTERS

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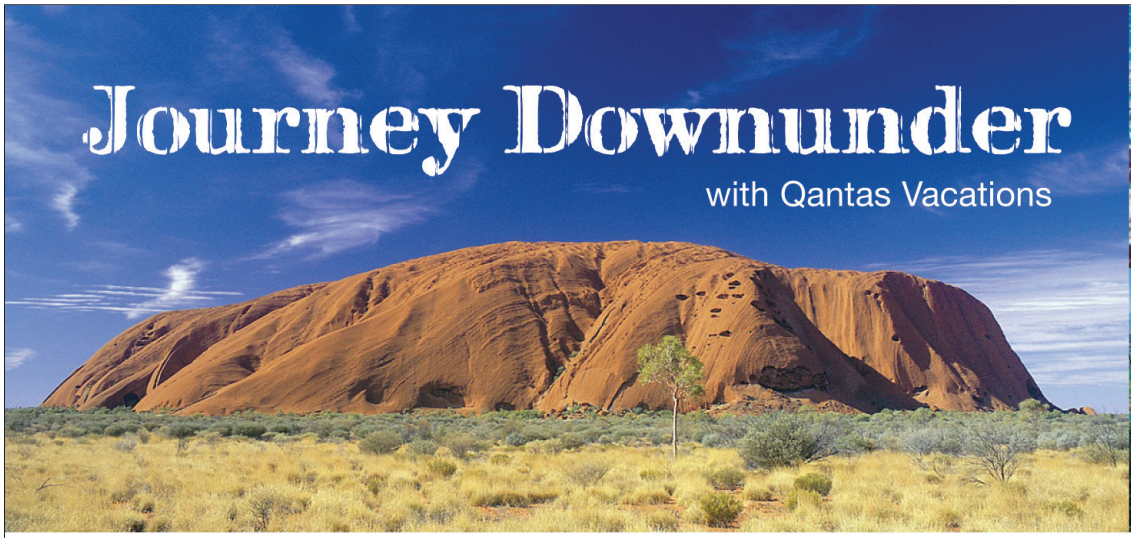

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Set on the explosive brink of World War II, *Australia* is the epic tale of one woman's journey to a faraway continent. Starring Nicole Kidman as a buttoned-up English aristocrat who comes to save the land she has inherited and Hugh Jackman as the rough-hewn local who helps her, they embark on a trip together across hundreds of miles of the world's most beautiful, yet unforgiving terrain, only to face the bombing of the city of Darwin.

In this lush telling, the landscape becomes its own character, inspiring viewers to reconnect with their spirit of romance and love of adventure in a way that only Australia can. Shot on location in Darwin, Sydney, the Kimberley region, and Bowen, a coastal town in Queensland, viewers get a sense of the dramatic and rugged landscape, stretches of sparsely populated wilderness, and cities of the day, like Sydney and Darwin.

Bullo River Station

Thought to be the inspiration behind Faraway Downs, the homestead featured in the film, Bullo Rover Station is in the north west corner of the Northern Territory and home to around 900,000 cattle, a stunning variety of native Australian animals including wallabies and dingoes as well as thousands of migratory birds and massive Boab trees. For more info, visit **www.australiasoutback.com**

Kununurra

Fertility waters? Nicole Kidman caused quite a stir when she recently named a local waterfall just outside of Kununnurra for helping her and other members of the crew in falling pregnant during shooting. Kununurra is an aboriginal word meaning "big water". For more information, visit **www.westernaustralia.com**

The Kimberley

When cast and crew had a break from shooting in the majestic Kimberley region, they shopped for Argyle diamond and Paspaley Pearls as gifts for friends and family.

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Bowen

Bowen, a sleepy coastal town in northern Queensland was transformed during shooting to become WWII Darwin. After filming, a "Thank you Bowen" concert was played featuring none other than Nicole Kidman's husband, Keith Urban. For more info, visit **www.destinationqueensland.com**

Sydney

Hugh Jackman was born and grew up in Sydney and Nicole Kidman was raised here. Baz Luhrmann and Catherine Martin were also born in New South Wales, Catherine in Sydney and Baz in Herons Creek, a tiny rural settlement in the northern part of the state. For more information, visit **www.sydneyaustralia.com**

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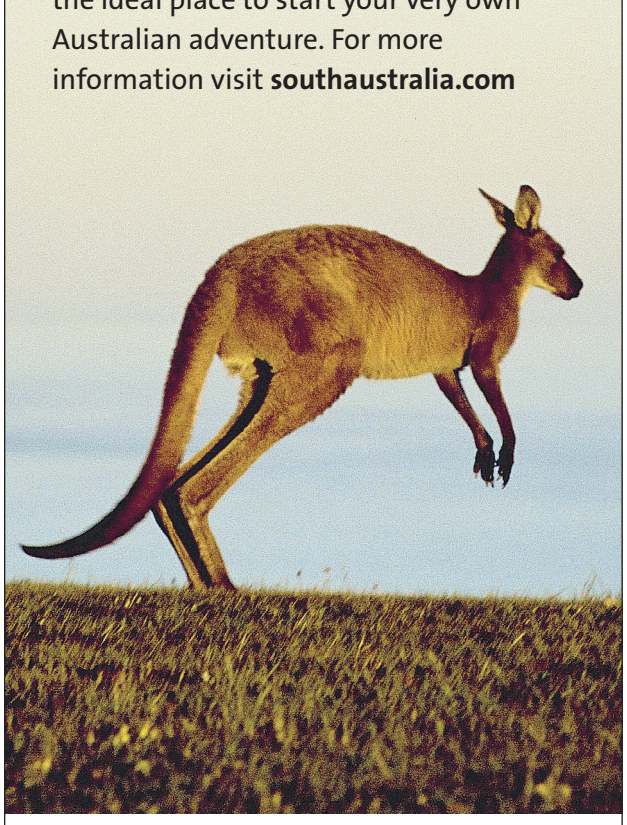

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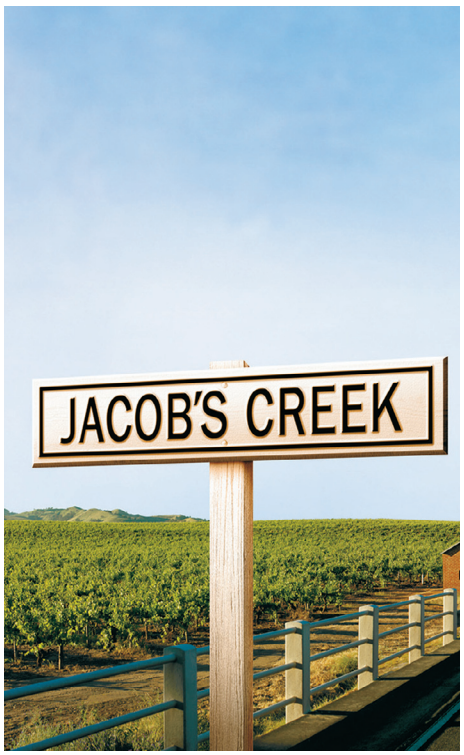

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T-Bone Steak with Mushroom Butter
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4 T-Bone Steaks

Mushroom Butter:

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup Cremini mushrooms, diced
- 1 tablespoon dried Porcini mushrooms, soaked, rinsed and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ½ cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper

Sauté Cremini mushrooms in 2 tablespoons of the butter until soft.

Add Porcini mushrooms along with garlic and sauté a further 1 to 2 minutes. Add the white wine, increase heat and simmer until almost all of the liquid has reduced. Add lemon juice, reduce once again, turn off heat and fold through herbs with mustard, salt and pepper. Allow mixture to cool down to room temperature.

In a food processor, process remaining butter until light and creamy. Add cooled mushroom mixture and pulse so as to keep the mixture rough in texture.

To make your butter log, lay a large piece of foil on a flat surface. Place butter in the centre of the foil in a long line (about 30 cm), leaving a few centimetres of foil at either end. Fold foil over lengthwise to roll butter into a log, twist ends and refrigerate until firm.

to serve:

Grill or BBQ steaks until done. Slice four 1-cm discs of butter from log and place each onto a steak. Butter discs should melt over steaks as they are being brought to the table. You can always store remaining butter in the freezer for future use.

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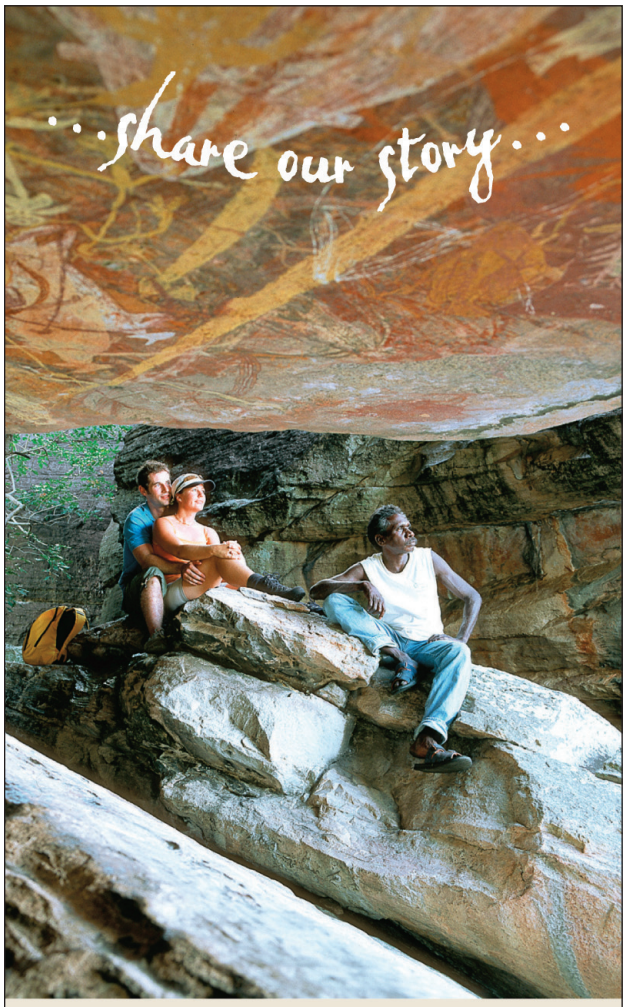

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Australia's Outback

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One of the best ways to travel to the Red Centre and traverse the Australian outback is on The Ghan. Boarding in Adelaide or Darwin, experience one of the most fascinating great train journeys of the world. Marvel at the spectacular Australian landscapes from fertile countryside surrounding Adelaide to the rusty hues of the Red Centre, onto the tropical splendour of the Top End. The train's emblem, of course, is an Afghan mounted on a camel, tribute to the redoubtable cameleers who, with their plodding .beasts somehow found a way across the red heart of Australia while constructing the overland telegraph line. For more information, visit **www.australiasoutback.com**

Escapes

The population of Coober Pedy in South Australia's northern Outback is almost as colourful as the opals that have made the town famous. About half the town's 4000 residents, who hail from 50 countries, live underground in 'dug-outs' to escape the 44°C (111°F) heat in summer. In this cosmopolitan mining town, fortunes from the earth can be made overnight, and as a tourist destination it attracts 100,000 visitors every year. Coober Pedy is also home to the only international underground hotel, the Desert Cave Hotel. For more information, visit **www.australia.com**

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Utley has surgery
Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Chase Utley has had arthroscopic hip surgery and is expected to need four to six months to recover. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

"He's a walking train wreck, and unfortunately people turn their heads to watch a train wreck."

Golfer Stuart Appleby, left, about John Daly, right, on what he believes is the reason for Daly's invitation to the Australian Masters tournament. SOURCE: ESPN

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Donors may have the formula for Canadian Olympic success

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

If Helen Upperton's bobsled had wheels, they'd have been spinning.

The promising young pilot was stuck in a rut: fourth at the 2006 Turin Olympics, five fourth-place finishes on the World Cup circuit the following season. She knew her driving was improving, even if the results didn't show it. She also knew she needed a new sled, so she committed herself to doing whatever it took to buy one.

It turned out to be a lot easier than she expected.

That summer she hooked up with an outfit called B2ten, a group of well-heeled Canadian businessmen who have pooled about $2 million together to provide Olympians with the extras that could produce a medal at the 2010 Vancouver Games — no strings attached.

It's not a blank cheque. In fact, the athletes don't get any cash. The program provides services and goods to try to complement what already exists and generally recruits athletes who are on the cusp of an international breakthrough but might be short of resources. "They said, 'You tell us what you need and we'll make sure you have it,'" said world champion speed skater Denny Morrison, a B2ten member.

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Athletes involved in the B2ten program look for the winning recipe with chef Matthew Schnarch, far right, during a retreat last year. From left are cross-country skier Alex Harvey, hockey goalie Kim St. Pierre, bobsledder Helen Upperton, skeleton racer Jeff Pain and moguls skier Stephanie St. Pierre.

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- For more information about the B2ten program that assists Canadian Olympians, visit *b2ten.com*.

Among the other 16 winter athletes in the program are Olympic moguls champion Jennifer Heil, Olympic skeleton silver medallist Jeff Pain, Team Canada hockey goaltender Kim St. Pierre, long-track speed skater Christine Nesbitt and short-track speed skater Francois-Louis Tremblay.

Upperton has been one of the major beneficiaries because of the equipment needs in her sport. B2ten has invested more than $100,000 in buying her a sled from the Monaco federation, several sets of steel runners, plus support to help her adapt to the new sled. The help hasn't stopped there. Upperton said B2ten has provided mentoring, advice on team management and dealing with sports politics, access to top athletic trainers like Scott Livingston of the Montreal Canadiens, osteopaths, sports psychologists — and a lot more.

The donors appear to be in it truly to help the athletes, getting nothing tangible in return but a tax receipt.

"There's no quid pro quo, it's not a marketing-type thing, our name isn't on helmets or anything like that," said Barry Heck, a Calgary merchant banker who heads up the western investors.

But Heck said they share a feeling that Canada should be doing a lot better on the international stage, but is hurt by abysmal resources.

He said they like the fact the organization is private, there's no politics and not a nickel is spent on administration because all the time is donated. "The athletes are not making money doing it — quite the opposite," he said.

"The passion and dedication that they show, I tell you if that doesn't inspire you as a Canadian or a parent or an individual, I don't know what else can. It really chokes you up. It does."

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DeAngelis may be headed to the NFL

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Don't be surprised if the CFL's top scorer is kicking around the NFL next season.

Sandro DeAngelis, who connected on five of five field-goal attempts to lead the Calgary Stampeders to the Grey Cup last Sunday, has attracted the interest of dozens of NFL scouts, many of whom attended the CFL's championship game in Montreal. DeAngelis, a 27-year-old native of Niagara Falls, Ont., scored 217 points to finish atop the CFL in the past season.

• The Los Angeles Dodgers are reportedly trying to re-sign free agent Rafael Furcal, whom the Blue Jays dearly covet for two roles — leadoff hitter and shortstop. The Jays likely won't outbid the Dodgers, San Francisco Giants or Oakland A's ... if the A's successfully lure Furcal, they'll trade shortstop Bobby Crosby — and the Jays already have let Oakland know they're interested. The A's might be willing to pick up part of Crosby's $5.25-million salary ... The Jays, meanwhile, continue to pursue slugger Milton Bradley but sources whisper their Plan B for power could be Ken Griffey Jr.

Sports in brief

NHL Brian Burke will have a formal contract offer from the Maple Leafs in his hands today, and he's just a signature from becoming the team's president and GM, sources told the Toronto Star. The terms and compensation have already been agreed on, and it's anticipated that the 53-year-old Burke will be introduced as the Leafs' head of all things hockey on Saturday. Burke's deal will include the rest of this season, then a five-year contract extension. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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New Corolla shows class

Toyota engineers continue to improve global mega-seller

Many people are passionate about the Toyota Corolla, according to Corolla chief engineer Shinichi Yasui. He says the original engineering maxims that shaped the Corolla back in the mid-1960s are still followed today. And becoming a member of the Corolla engineering group is one of the most prestigious appointments in the company.

They've sold 33 million since its inception, after all. The newest one started with a new development program that sought to combine the best-in-class aspects from each region in the world into a single car. For instance, during final development the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada (TMMC) team initiated a few changes — including increasing the distance between the accelerator and brake pedals to accommodate a man's winter boot, increasing the size of storage pockets to fit larger-sized North American electronics, and made the cup-holders big enough for an extra-large double-double.

Oh, and the door pockets were re-shaped to fit an ice scraper — photos and samples were sent to Japanese engineers not familiar with our quintessential winter tool. A few other highlights include dual glove boxes, a purse hook, audio systems with auxiliary input jack on all models, and standard air conditioning. The engineers also added an electric positive temperature coefficient heater system that accelerates the initial warm-up of the cabin when the engine is cold.

That's just the inside.

On the outside, the Corolla was restyled to appear more dynamic and upscale. The new Corolla looks leagues better than the old one — but still looks just like a Camry was distilled into a smaller form factor. The new Corolla is actually 60 mm (2.4 in) wider, 10 mm (0.4-in) longer, and a full 15 mm (0.6 inches) lower than the outgoing model. The new proportions lend the car to better road presence, stability and cabin room.

Inside, the new Toyota Corolla features several improvements including bigger storage pockets and cup-holders, dual glove boxes and a more efficient heating system.

The entire car has moved nearly a class up, and reflects a mid-size car feel in a compact car.

The car also benefits immensely from the use of ultra-high grade steel reinforcements, plus what Toyota calls their "Global Body Line," an advanced automated assembly system used for Lexus vehicles.

The old Corolla used 40 initial body welds, whereas the new car has more than 130. This helps build body rigidity and quality control from the outset.

The new base 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine produces 132 horsepower at 6,000 rpm, and 128 lb-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm. The power is linear and useable for highway merging, while the torque has been tuned to aid in-town puttering. It's standard-fare for CE, LE, and S models — with either a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Returning to the lineup is the XRS model, with a torquey 2.4L 4-cylinder that's a league apart from the original, high-revving XRS featuring the Celica's high-performance motor.

The XRS also gets a few other improvements, like a front strut brace, four-wheel disc brakes, 17-in alloy wheels and vehicle stability control.

Standard Corollas do with rear drum brakes, but ABS with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution and Brake Assist are standard.

The range starts with the well-equipped CE, complete with roll-up windows. Otherwise, it's about all the car you'd ever need. Next up, the LE model is very well equipped, and even features automatic climate control and a smart key system — both features normally found on luxury cars.

Above the LE is the S, featuring a few sporty touches a la the outgoing model, like a sporty body kit and rear spoiler. Fully loaded, the XRS completes the lineup.

The entire car has moved nearly a class up, and reflects a mid-size car feel in a compact car.

CARGUIDE STAFF

2009 Toyota Corolla

Type: Compact car
Price: $14,850
Engine: I4, DOHC, 1.8L / I4, DOHC, 2.4L
HP: 126-158

Highlights

- Larger
- Feels mid-size
- Quieter

Ford, Volvo cars lead safety list

WINNERS Seventy-two vehicles have earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Top Safety Pick award for 2009. This is more than double the number of 2008 recipients and more than three times the number of 2007 winners. Top Safety Pick recognizes vehicles that do the best job of protecting people in front, side, and rear crashes based on good ratings in Institute tests. Winners also have to have electronic stability control (ESC), which research shows significantly reduces crash risk.

For the first time, winners represent every class of vehicle the Institute tests except microcars. Most car, minivan, and SUV models, midsize convertibles and small and large pickups are eligible. Ford and its subsidiary Volvo have 16 winners, including the Ford F-150 large pickup. Thirteen winners are from Honda and its Acura division. The Honda Fit with optional ESC is the first minicar to earn Top Safety Pick.

Honda, Acura and Subaru, which picked up four awards, are standouts for 2009 because they have at least one Top Safety Pick in every vehicle class in which they compete.

"Consumers are the biggest winners," says Institute president Adrian Lund. "No matter what kind of vehicle buyers may be considering, now they can walk into just about any dealership and find one that affords the best overall protection in serious crashes."

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For Insurance Institute of Highway Safety's complete list of winners, visit metronews.ca/auto

Leibovitz in London
Until Feb. 1, 2009, an exhibit of 150 pictures by New York-based photographer Annie Leibovitz will be on display at the National Portrait Gallery. The pictures range from her most celebrated work to intensely private takes. See *npg.org.uk/annieleibovitz*. METRO WORLD NEWS

Travel

Yotel opens in Amsterdam

Yotel, the airport-based hotel that features "cabins" instead of rooms, has now opened at Amsterdam's Schipol Airport. All 57 cabins boast free Wifi, flat screen televisions and waterfall-like showers. To celebrate the opening, "Yotellers" will be offered a free bottle of champagne if they make sure they plan a stay before the end of December 2008. For reservations, e-mail customer@yotel.com.
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Stargazing on the Big Island

Few earthly viewing venues can top Hawaii's Mauna Kea

DAWNA L. ROBERTSON
for Metro Canada

Sure, I can spot the Big Dipper. And while I love a full moon, nothing beats the promise of wishing on a shooting star. But those iconic nighttime wonders aside, my knowledge of a darkened sky is basic at best.

Determined to heighten my celestial sense, I knew few earthly viewing venues could top Mauna Kea on Hawaii's Big Island. So on a romp to the remarkably diverse island, I decided to shoot for Hawaii Forest & Trail's (HF&T) stargazing tour to this renowned astronomical observing site.

On a typical warm Big Island afternoon, our group of eager star-trekkers boarded a 12-passenger van at HF&T's Kona Coast headquarters. Interpretive naturalist Greg Brown had packed parkas and provisions for the eight-hour excursion. Not accustomed to lengthy transit, I had my concerns. They faded away, however, as our adventure began to unfold.

DAWNA L. ROBERTSON PHOTOS

A sunset shot of the summit of Mauna Kea on Hawaii's Big Island.

Left, a couple of the telescopes at the summit of Mauna Kea shortly before sunset. Right, an evening shot of Kona Village Resort on the Kona Coast; visit *konavillage.com*.

Mauna Kea is overwhelming. To observe the "white mountain" from sea level, one can only begin to grasp its size. Weaving toward the summit, I was consumed by this massive mound.

Well versed in Hawaiiana, Brown shared both fact and folklore on the dramatic evolution of our surroundings. As we passed a pueo (native Hawaiian owl) perched in a dead mamane tree, he explained how ranching and grazing herds had transformed the area from forest into grassland.

Midway to the summit, we stopped at historic Humuula Station, an abandoned sheep outpost geared with a dining tent, tables and extremely clean porta potties.

It was cool and foggy at the Parker Ranch post — quite a contrast to coastal conditions earlier in the day. Aside from sustenance, the dinner stop also helped acclimatize us for our final ascent. With a hearty meal under our belts, we continued our star quest.

Near the 9,000-foot level, the van emerged from a thick fog into a brilliant blue sky. It was as if the heavens had opened up. We progressed toward the 13,500-foot elevation past volcanic cinder cones and patches of snow.

"Mauna Kea's summit rises above 40 per cent of the Earth's atmosphere," Brown explained. "Plus, it's far from city lights. Up here, you'll have optimal viewing of galaxies that stretch to the very edge of our observable universe."

As I exited the van with a wobbly step or two, I noticed that the elevation definitely had an impact. While that quickly passed, the temperature was another issue. Brown warned us that it had plummeted below freezing. So I zipped my parka and tightened the hood.

Standing at the summit was nothing short of amazing. We were literally on top of the world, at the peak of the tallest mountain on Earth. And as daylight slowly slipped away, the journey grew more spectacular.

Brown recited the roster of observatories. "Those are the Keck twins and that's the Subaru Telescope." Eleven countries currently host 13 telescopes at the summit, some 31,000 feet above the ocean's floor in the world's most isolated area.

After a stunning sunset, we returned to the Onizuka Center For International Astronomy at the 9,200-foot level. Here, Brown set up a pair of eight inch Celestron Cassegrain telescopes for our star party. He also used lasers to point out clusters and constellations. Warm in our parkas and with hot chocolate and macadamia nut cookies in hand, we "oohed" and "aahed" at the brilliance of Hawaii's night sky.

After an hour or so, our group agreed that we were seeing things more clearly — connecting the dots, so to speak. We were headed for home as the Southern Cross began to rise — just as Brown had promised. I counted my lucky stars I'd taken this trek.

The eight-hour/12-person maximum Mauna Kea Summit & Stars Adventure is offered daily for $185 US plus tax, including picnic-style dinner, snack, hot beverages, hooded parka and gloves. Reservations are highly recommended at least one week in advance, as this tour consistently sells out.

Dreaming of a white Christmas?
Want a guaranteed white Christmas — in New York City? Irving Berlin's White Christmas is playing at Broadway's Marquis Theatre through Jan. 4. Visit *marquistheatre.com* for more information. METRO NEWS SERVICES

An appetite for the Big Apple

Finding healthy places to eat is easy in this urban jungle

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada

THE PUMP ENERGY FOOD

The Pump Energy Food is billed as New York City's "physical-fitness restaurant."

New York City's gentrified Meatpacking District seems an unlikely place to find a go-to restaurant specializing in fish, seafood and veggies, but that's pretty much the culinary focus of Fig & Olive.

Here, in this trendy, industrially chic neighbourhood, chef Pascal Lorange has the wants of the health-conscious diner covered. At Fig & Olive, *figandolive.com*, the Mediterranean-inspired menu includes things like Zucchini Carpaccio, Grilled Bell Peppers with Herbes de Provence, Cote d'Azure Bouillabaisse and Trio de la Mer.

All dishes are prepared with olive oil instead of butter and cooked to maintain maximum nutrients. So forget the fried and deep fried, and expect grilling, poaching, baking and sautéing.

While healthy eating may mean different things to different people, the buzzwords today are farm-fresh, seasonal, naturally-raised, artisanal and low fat, and chefs at an increasing number of Big Apple restaurants (in all price ranges) are paying heed. Here are five other restaurants offering healthy food choices in New York City:

Zen Palate: In Hell's Kitchen, Zen Palate has been dishing out to vegetarians since 1991. Zagat calls it "a meatless nirvana." Restaurant manger Chris Chang says his "Asian vegetarian fusion" cuisine uses more than 60 plants and flowers from culinary cultures around the world. They use a lot of meat substitution such as soy protein, and the Zen Burger is the vegetarian version of the Big Mac.

The Pump Energy Food: Billed as the "physical-fitness restaurant," The Pump Energy Food, *thepumpenergyfood.com*, has five outlets in various parts of the city. The one on the West Side is tiny and basic and if you didn't know it was there, you could walk right by. But its meals are wholesome, tasty, and nicely prepared, and prices won't take a chunk out of the wallet. Look for sandwiches on whole wheat bread, healthy shakes, vegetarian chili, grilled chicken over brown rice or steamed greens, plus lots of other high-protein foods. Low-fat, low sodium is also key. They don't cook with butter, cream or mayo, and nothing is fried.

Scarlatto Italian Restaurant: Located in the heart of the Theatre District, the elegant and intimate Scarlatto offers an impressive variety of fish dishes including salmon, halibut, tuna, red snapper and sea bass prepared with healthier cooking techniques, including baking, searing, grilling and poaching. There are also about half-a-dozen different salads. Expect a rush from the pre-theatre crowd.

Jamba Juice: For a quick energy boost drop into any one of the city's 10 Jamba Juice locations, *jambajuice.com*. The extensive menu of fast-food items includes freshly squeezed juices, protein shakes, yogurt and fruit blends, and whole wheat pockets stuffed with nutritious fixings. In the busy Times Square location you can sit at one of a few tables and watch the crowds file by as you nibble on Omega 3 Cookies.

Dove Tail: The year-old Dove Tail, *dovetailnyc.com*, with its innovative menu and fabulous food is already a hit in the Upper West Side neighbourhood. Chef John Fraser's travels throughout the French and Spanish countryside inspired the "sourcing locally" philosophy he embraces.

Save room for the Olive Oil Brownie — low in fat, made with anti-oxidant-rich dark chocolate and surprisingly yummy.

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Less U.S. Thanksgiving airline travel expected
Thanksgiving airline travel in the U.S. is expected to drop 10 per cent from last year because of the economy. REUTERS

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The Capsule Hotel, which consists of oil rig survival pods, is located on a canal in Amsterdam.

Strange spots in which to spend the evening

TheTravelJunkie

Next time you're looking for a hotel, why not rest your weary head somewhere a little unusual? From survival-pod hotels in Amsterdam to dog-themed motels in the U.S., there are plenty of strange places out there in which to catch some shut-eye:

DOG BARK PARK INN: Pit stops to kitschy roadside attractions are a staple of any family car trip across America. So if you find yourself passing through Cottonwood, Idaho. be sure to stay at the Dog Bark Park Inn, *dogbarkparkinn.com*, a B & B guesthouse inside the World's Biggest Beagle. This two-story wooden structure, built to look like a big dog, offers simple accommodations at $92 US/night (including breakfast, which thankfully isn't kibble). For a lasting souvenir, check out the gift shop's "chainsaw art," a collection of wooden beagle carvings.

THE CAPSULE INN: If you're claustrophobic, Japan's Capsule Inn, *capsuleinn.com*, may not be for you. Located in Akihabara, an electronics district of Tokyo, the hotel has 10 floors offering space-efficient sleeps in coffin-like suites. Each capsule has blinds, a TV, radio, alarm clock, lights and air-conditioning, all of which must be controlled while in the sleeping position — the capsule is so small, you can't stand up.

CAPSULE HOTEL: Seems like small spaces are all the rage these days. Amsterdam's Capsule Hotel, *capsulehotel.info*, offers oil rig survival pods in which to spend the night. Originally built in 1972, these bright orange life rafts are now being used as quirky accommodations. They're a bit of a tight squeeze but for those who want to get in touch with their inner survivor this sounds like an interesting way to do it.

WOODLYN PARK: This New Zealand complex has an eclectic mix of strange lodging choices. You can sleep in a 1950s Bristol Freighter Plane, which is said to have been one of the last Allied planes out of Vietnam.

You can hop on the The Waitomo Express, a refurbished rail carriage that sleeps six or you can pretend you're in Bilbo Baggins' Shire, sleeping in an underground Hobbit-esque cottage. Woodlyn Park's newest motel attraction is the Waitanic, a converted Second World War patrol boat. See *woodlynpark.co.nz*.

HEMP HOTEL: As the name suggests, hemp is the theme of the decor. The curtains, the bedding, the soap, the shampoo, even the breakfast are all made from hemp. Their Hemple Temple Night Bar serves up hemp ice cream, seeds and a dozen kinds of hemp beer. Only in Amsterdam! Visit *hemp-hotel.com*.

KAROSTA PRISON: Just outside Latvia's capital, tourists pay to be treated like prisoners and sleep overnight in a former military prison. Karosta (an active prison as recently as 1997) is now a controversial tourist attraction.

For those who want to sleep over, visitors should know that guest "rooms" are former prison cells that are moldy, damp and dark. You can sleep on a wooden plank or a dusty single bed. The bathroom is horrendous and smells like it hasn't been cleaned since the Soviet era. Overall, it's a crazy, creepy, comfortless experience. Visit *karostascietums.lv*.

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Baggage fees, air-mile charges irk travellers

AIRLINES Baggage fees and charges for redeeming air miles are the most common complaints among air travellers, according to a new travel survey.

Nearly 80 per cent of people questioned in the IBM poll listed baggage fees as an airline "ripoff," while 76 per cent cited additional charges for mile redemption. "There is almost nowhere to go but up in terms of customer satisfaction," said Brian Goehring, an associate partner of Global Business Services at IBM.

The company's Institute for Business value commissioned Braun Research to conduct the US telephone survey of 1,000 adults. It showed that airline troubles plague consumers twice as much as hotel or car rentals, and that travellers ranked reward restrictions as even more frustrating than lost hotel reservations.

The dissatisfaction with airline service does not appear to be related to price because 70 per cent found ticket prices to be reasonable, and 50 per cent thought fuel surcharges were fair. But air travellers expressed a clear preference for paying the lowest possible ticket price over amenities like food, blankets, pillows and beverages.

The only reason that many customers give repeat business to an airline is that they fear losing frequent flyer rewards. "There is a clear consumer mentality of being 'trapped' by their miles or points, with 64 per cent of travellers likely to keep their travel provider due to rewards, but only 48 per cent satisfied with the value from rewards," IBM said in a statement. More than half the respondents said they'd prefer a single provider for rewards across a network of airlines, hotels, restaurants, and retailers. REUTERS

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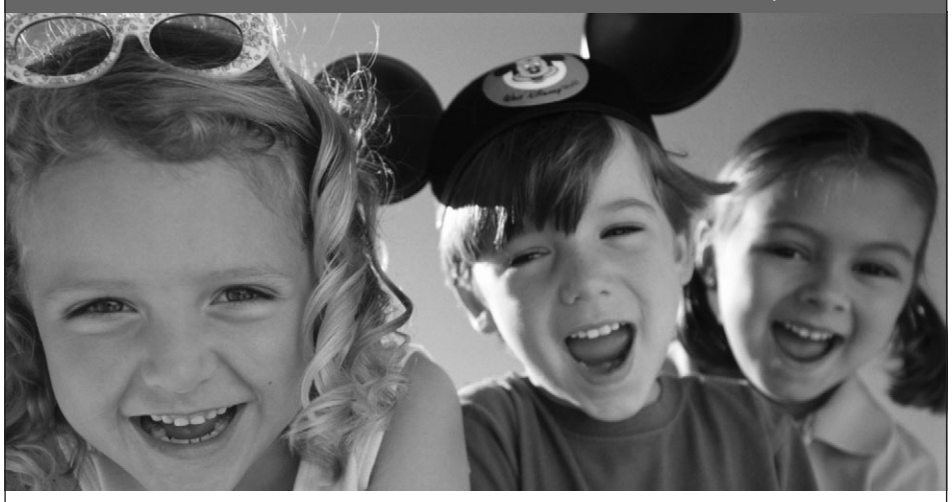

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The fight for Nixon
Frank Langella had to fight to play former U.S. president Richard Nixon in new movie Frost/Nixon, because studio bosses wanted to give the role to screen legend Warren Beatty. IMDB.COM

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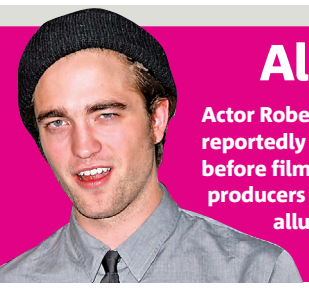

All smiles
Actor Robert Pattinson was reportedly forced to fix his teeth before filming Twilight, because producers wanted him to have an alluring smile. IMDB.COM

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Walters set to interview Obamas

POLITICS The Barack Obama media tour is making another stop — and at another high-profile place.

A week after the president-elect and first lady-elect Michelle Obama spoke to 60 Minutes, they're sitting down for an interview with ABC's Barbara Walters. It'll air as a one-hour special tonight. ABC said the interview would touch on the transition, the economy, foreign policy and how the family is dealing with all the changes.

Frank subject of movie projects

MOVIES Anne Frank is the subject of two film projects that are being developed.

Jacqueline van Maarsen's book My Name Is Anne, She Said, Anne Frank will be made into a film as a joint production of SamFilm and CTM Films BV. Italian International Films is producing Memories of Anne Frank, an adaptation of Alison Leslie Gold's book Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend.

Network close to renewing Model

TV It looks like America's Next Top Model will be back on the catwalk next season.

The CW is close to renewing the Tyra Banks-hosted reality competition series for a 13th cycle to air in fall 2009.

The news comes on the heels of the CW inking a deal with Warner Bros. Domestic TV Distribution to air Banks' daytime talk show, The Tyra Banks Show, as an afternoon strip starting next fall. REUTERS

Australia long, but worth it

Australia
Director: Baz Luhrmann
Stars: Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman
Class: STC
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

While its length may leave you numb, Australia's passion redeems its bulkiness.

REVIEW There's a lot riding on Australia. For starters, at $130 million dollars, it's the most expensive Aussie film ever made. And while a rather overblown budget is cause enough to concern director Baz Luhrmann (Moulin Rouge), tourism officials are hoping the film will renew their industry as well.

Luhrmann shouldn't worry so much about that. If nothing else, Australia is a beautifully filmed study of a vast land that — as one character says — has "a strange power." What Luhrmann should fret over is the drawn-out narrative that plays to melodramatic excess.

Set during the outbreak of World War II, Australia features Nicole Kidman as Lady Ashley, widow of a mysteriously murdered cattle ranch owner. When confronted by her husband's rival with a takeover bid, Ashley hires a maverick stockman (Hugh Jackman) and joins him on a massive cattle drive across the outback.

While the movie's not short on romance or adventure (including a suspense-filled cattle stampede), this flick really stands apart from its contemporaries through Luhrmann's careful study of Australia's heritage.

Led by 13-year-old newcomer Brandon Walters, Australia sheds light on the Stolen Generations — Aboriginal children who were removed from their families and placed in missions.

Walters is truly the backbone of this movie playing Nullah, a mixed-race child who becomes the surrogate son of Ashley. Not only does he provide the film with a stirring breakout performance, but some much-needed cultural depth as well.

While sitting for the film's 165-minute length may leave you numb down under, Australia's passion redeems its bulkiness; regardless of its strenuous story, this is still a crusade worth catching.

Visit metronews.ca/movies for screen times and to see the trailers for Australia, Four Christmases and Transporter 3.

Third film in Statham's Transporter series flat out rocks

Transporter 3
Director: Olivier Megaton
Stars: Jason Statham
Class: 14A
Rating: ●●●½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Virtually gone are the days of the vintage Eurotrash flick: those slick late-'60s French/Italian exports that mined popular American genre trappings while grafting their own highly stylized, haute couture informed sensibilities on top.

From the sexually charged sci-fi hijinks of Barbarella to the kinky comic book thrills of Danger: Diabolik, these quintessentially European art/junk pictures bent rules and existed only to thrill.

Which is why the flawed but fun Luc Besson produced Transporter films are so endearing; their single brained intent is to bombard audiences with eyeball spinning action, beautifully dressed — and undressed — women, sexy cars and exotic locales while blaring pulsing techno music.

The latest entry in the lucrative but critically maligned franchise, simply called Transporter 3, and once more pits an iron jawed, black belt-sporting mercenary driver Frank Martin against a cabal of greasy, well-tailored international baddies.

And while the film boasts the same clunky narrative problems and distractingly dubbed European actors as the first two installments, I'm happy to report that the breathlessly-paced Transporter makes amends by delivering some of the most delirious action set pieces of this or any other year.

Here, Frank finds himself driving a mysterious package and a strung-out Ukranian party girl across Eastern Europe against his will. In a kinky plot device, Frank's fate is literally tied to his beloved Audi.

See, his villainous employers have affixed an explosive device to his wrist, ensuring that if he goes 50-feet from the machine, he'll be blown to smithereens. When Frank curls his lip at this, many car-crunching chases and bone breaking martial arts battles follow — much of Statham's fighting is shirtless.

Fuelled by a wildly unhinged sensibility and with tongue lodged firmly in cheek, Transporter 3 flat out rocks and is a dynamite, retro-pulp entertainment that should please the legion of James Bond fans who were left cold by Quantum of Solace.

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Beyoncé want kids
Singer/actress Beyoncé has revealed she wants kids — but adds she's still scarred from witnessing the birth of her nephew. "I was there in the delivery room and it kind of traumatized me," Beyoncé admits. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Four **Christmases**

Director: Seth Gordon
Stars: Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

With the Halloween horror season behind us, it's time for Hollywood to start trudging out their odes to the most commercial of all holidays.

Four Christmases is the first release to hit screens and while it has plenty of the Yuletide carols and goopy sentimentality that we expect this time of year, the concept is just subversive enough to make it worth seeing.

Sure, this is no future Christmas classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing on television during the holidays.

Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star as a professional couple who always avoid their families during Christmas and understandably so, considering that they both come from highly eccentric divorced families (that's four dysfunctional visits per year).

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After the film's worst plot contrivance traps them in the country and broadcasts their availability to their kin, Vaughn and Witherspoon embark on their dreaded Four Christmases. The movie is episodic by design and is predictably inconsistent depending on which family the couple are visiting. But with a stacked cast that includes such names as Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek, Mary Steenburgen, and Jon Favereau, the hits are more plentiful than the misses.

The film marks the fictional directorial debut of Seth Gordon who's hilarious documentary The King Of Kong was probably the most underappreciated gem of 2007.

Gordon has a gift for character comedy that shows in this film, it's just too bad that the rushed production didn't give him a chance to iron out all of the problems with the script. For a holiday movie that starts out refreshingly subversive and anti-family, the film nosedives into sentimentality in the closing scenes and ends on a very predictable and unsatisfying note.

However, with comedy leads as strong as Vaughn and Witherspoon along with a talented supporting cast, the movie offers plenty of laughs before limping to the finish line. With a little more work this could have been an anti-Christmas classic like The Ref.

Instead it's little more than a pleasant holiday diversion.

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Rosie Live
Remember Carol Burnett? Sonny & Cher? Glen Campbell? Jim Nabors? Former talk show host Rosie O'Donnell attempts to bring back the good old days of the variety show with this new special. She'll do an opening monologue, perform in sketches, introduce musical acts and give out prizes to members of the studio audience; viewers at home also have the chance to win goodies. 8 PM on 15 CITY 9 NBC

Deal or No Deal
Ashley Otte, a hardworking college student from Randolph, Minn., competes in hopes of winning enough money to pay off her student loans and start enjoying college life. But when she mistakenly reveals to Howie that her biggest fear is turkeys, the Banker puts her family in a cage with eight live turkeys. At least there'll be plenty of drumsticks. Viewers at home can play along for a chance to win $50,000. 9 PM on 9 NBC

Way and wife expecting baby
My Chemical Romance singer Gerard Way and his wife Lindsey Ballato are expecting a baby due early next summer, his rep confirms to People. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Leo fights to keep privacy

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PEOPLE Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has vowed to boycott the paparazzi, dubbing them "disrespectful and dangerous," imdb.com reports.

DiCaprio admits he's been fighting to stay away from the limelight since turning into a major Hollywood star, and he's keen to keep his name out of the press.

"Actually, I'm not in the tabloids anymore. I am sometimes, but I've watched the culture change. I'm old hat. And I love it. You know what it is with me? This is something I'd like to clarify. I've heard people say, 'Because you hide, it makes you seem ungrateful,'" he says. "The mere fact that these — I'll use the word piles — are earning money from exploiting my image is the only reason I hide myself or am not a photo-friendly person. I do not like the way they conduct themselves. I think they're disrespectful and dangerous. The reason I don't pose or smile or that I seem mad is that I don't want them to make a living off my private life."

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Cruise's family plans

CHILDREN Tom Cruise is keen to expand his family with Katie Holmes, but is waiting until his wife finishes her current stint on Broadway before trying for another baby, imdb.com reports.

Holmes is starring in a new adaptation of Arthur Miller's All My Sons and will be based in New York until the end of her run, which is expected to finish early next year.

Cruise admits the couple, who already have two-year-old daughter Suri, are keen for another baby, but they have to wait until Holmes returns to the family home in California.

"We have already heard she's pregnant but it's not true. But yes, we will have more children. I'm saying this, but Kate's not here! She's working and we're enjoying this time right now. It's very precious, we don't get this time back," Cruise says.

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Simpson wrote in diary to heal

WELL-BEING Jessica Simpson put pen to paper to cure her of the heartbreak following her split from husband Nick Lachey, because writing in her diary was "therapeutic" for the star, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who divorced Lachey in 2002 after three years of marriage, found it helpful to keep a journal of her thoughts and feelings.

Simpson later used the emotional entries as inspiration for her music.

"It (writing in a diary) is very, very therapeutic," she says. "There is a lot about heartbreak, there is a lot about perseverance. I used it as inspiration for my album."

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Dating authors offer Aniston advice

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston has been offered dating advice by the authors of The Rules, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Sherrie Schneider, who co-wrote the dating manual with Ellen Fein, says the former Friends actress should not have spoken publicly about her summer breakup from John Mayer, and should also keep quiet about her ex-husband Brad Pitt's relationship with Angelina Jolie.

"Breaking up is never easy, but it doesn't have to be humiliating," Schneider said. "Never mention Brad's or John Mayer's name in public. Also, don't say any thing bad about Brad, like when you said he was missing a sensitivity chip."

Referring to Aniston's recent first interview about Jolie, during which she called the actress "uncool" for admitting she had started her relationship with Pitt while he was still married, Schneider added: "Never talk about Angelina or call her 'uncool,' even if she was uncool. She does not exist in your world."

Fein also said Aniston, who recently rekindled her relationship with Mayer, should not wait before broaching the subject of starting a family with the singer.

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No motherhood for Carrie

CAREER Sarah Jessica Parker has promised fans her character Carrie Bradshaw will not become a mother in the Sex And The City: The Movie sequel, because it would go against the character's beliefs, imdb.com reports.

"It doesn't seem as if that's going to be a choice she'll make," she says. "I don't know. Michael (Patrick King, director) and I never talk about it. That doesn't mean that won't be part of the story. We just haven't figured it out. It feels a little bit manipulative to toss that into the mix, because she seems so pointed in a different direction."

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Winehouse is sent to hospital

HEALTH Singer Amy Winehouse was admitted to a private London hospital on Sunday, her rep tells CNN.

Chris Gooodman told the news outlet that medication Winehouse was taking made her ill, and doctors admitted her to the clinic for investigation, People.com reports.

Winehouse previously checked into a London hospital in July after suffering a bad reaction to her medication. But Goodman did not disclose which medications were involved in either case.

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Brandy devastated by car crash

TRAGEDY Actress/singer Brandy says she was so devastated by her high-speed car crash that killed another woman motorist in Los Angeles two years ago, "there was a point when I didn't feel like it was OK to live on — because someone else lost their life," PageSix.com reports.

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Paris booed at birthday party

PEOPLE Paris Hilton received a chilly reception at an event in Los Angeles.

The hotel heiress was set to introduce the Pussycat Dolls at a birthday party for designer Christian Audigier's daughter, Crystal, but when Audigier asked the crowd if they wanted to see Paris, they broke out in a chorus of boos. According to a source at the party, "The entire room — which had just cheered when they thought Britney Spears was coming — booed loudly. Paris was practically in tears and left without taking the stage."

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Butler may not be charged for fight

LEGAL Actor Gerard Butler has been given the chance to resolve his recent fight with a paparazzo without facing criminal charges, imdb.com reports.

Butler stands accused of beating up a photographer who followed him as he left a Los Angeles bar last month.

The snapper was reportedly treated in hospital for the injuries he suffered.

According to TMZ.com, Butler, who has yet to discuss the allegations, has been ordered to attend an informal hearing at the city attorney's office, the goal of which is to resolve the issue without a messy court battle.

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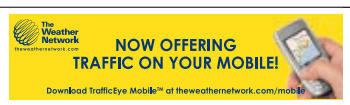
Thursday: Flurries 60% 2° / -3°
Friday: Flurries 2°/ -2°



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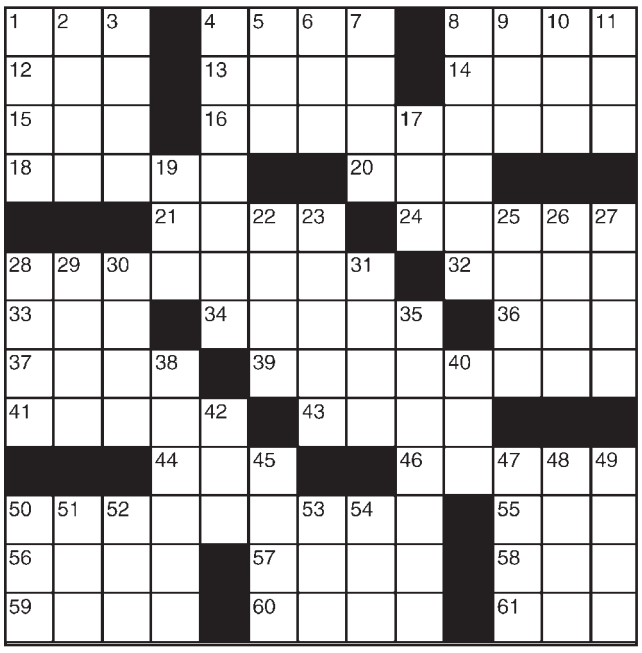

Crossword across

1 Do sums
4 Apprehend
8 Film segment
12 Anger
13 Medley
14 Similar to
15 Brooks or Torme
16 Chair protector
18 Filch
20 Corrode
21 Open somewhat
24 Tibet's capital
28 One with lots of four-legged friends?
32 Satan's specialty
33 Submachine gun
34 Jazz style
36 A Gershwin
37 Raised
39 Pirate
41 Comic Silverman
43 Cornfield trespasser
44 Scratch
46 Tangle
50 Read quickly
55 Dinner for Dobbin
56 Staffer
57 "David Copperfield" character
58 Swelled head
59 Banana castoff
60 Took to the pool
61 Chaps

Crossword down

1 Intentions
2 Bob's "The Price Is Right" successor
3 Sandwich shop
4 Rhinoplasty
5 The whole enchilada
6 Midafternoon hour on a sundial
7 Easy bounding gait
8 Dress
9 Tyler or Ullmann
10 White House nickname
11 Apiece
17 Western st.
19 Crony
22 Birds, to Brutus
23 Violin's ancestor
25 Tel —
26 Paddock papa
27 Winged
28 Taverns
29 Pound of poetry
30 Wedding cake feature
31 Bellow
35 Telecast
38 Maiden
40 Possess
42 Possesses
45 Fishing gear
47 Attention getter
48 Storm
49 French city
50 Space
51 Falsehood
52 Praise in verse
53 Solemn promise
54 Historic time

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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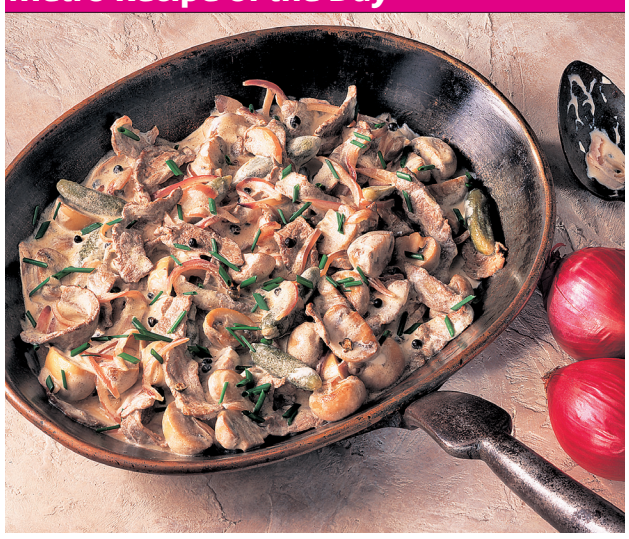
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Beef Stroganoff

INGREDIENTS:
3 tbsp olive oil
1 large red onion
1/2 lb (230g) small chestnut mushrooms
1 1/4 lb (560g) beef fillet
2 tsp (10 mL) fresh green peppercorns in brine
Salt
2 tbsp (25 mL) Dijon mustard
1 1/4 cup (300 mL) sour cream
8 small drained cocktail gherkins
A small bunch of chives

METHOD:
1. Heat 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil in a large frying pan. Halve, peel, and thinly slice onion, then fry over a moderate heat until slightly softened, about 2 or 3 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, clean and halve mushrooms and add to the pan. Increase heat and cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes, until softened and most liquid has evaporated.
3. While mushrooms are cooking, slice beef fillet very thinly, then cut across the grain into thin strips.
4. When mushrooms are cooked, put into a large bowl with onion and set aside.
5. Add 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil to the pan and increase heat to high. Add half of beef and stir-fry for 2–3 minutes, or until very lightly browned, then remove. Heat remaining oil and cook rest of beef the same way.
6. Return onion, mushrooms and first batch of beef with juices to the frying pan. Crush green peppercorns, add to the pan with some salt, and heat through for 1–2 minutes.
7. Blend mustard and sour cream together and stir into beef, with gherkins. Heat through gently, without boiling. Trim, rinse, and dry chives, snip over top and serve.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A headstrong person misses talking to you. Emotional distress is caused by an unusual amount of problems. Don't give up on yourself.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Falling in love is okay, if you think long and hard first. Pushiness makes for an unsettling situation. Decadent foods are clues to your secret longings.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An unexpected escapade torments your heart. Love will have a deeper meaning. Someone hasn't changed in a significant way.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Give someone a good reason to stay. A weight problem is spitefully discussed. Bring your life back into focus.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Bittersweet memories accompany a departing hero. Curiosity is satisfied by a devoted sweetheart. An expert interferes with tried and true plans.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Lack of faith will cause a crash. Being ignored will wreck your hard won serenity. Someone's loyalty is being questioned.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be assured that nobody will let you down. A mastermind should not be tangled with. A self-pitying person ignores your friendly smile.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A discovery takes on greater significance. Satisfaction is guaranteed if you keep a promise. An argumentative stranger tells the truth.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
All you want to do is have some fun. Be poised when facing a difficult cross-examination. An awesome adventure baffles onlookers.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Say goodbye to a domineering woman. A special dream will come true. Take good care of a fragile elder.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
An optimist will touch your heart. Prance around with crazy old friends. Stop speculating about how things might have been.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Pleasure is found in new music. Disappointment ends a relationship. Stay where you are for a while.

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Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. A single Catholic sister (1)
2. Fifteen minus six kvetch (1)
3. A quartet cursed (1)
4. Two times three times (1)
5. Papa Doc's nation's Reagan decade (2)
6. A thousand thousand 1,000,000,000 (2)
7. Avis rival's U.S. bills with U.S. Grant (2)

ANSWERS
1. ONE NUN 2. NINE WHINE 3. FOUR SWORE 4. TWICE THRICE
5. HAITI'S EIGHTIES 6. MILLION BILLION 7. THRIFTYS FIFTIES

This day in history

NOV. 26, 1784: Catholic Apostolic Prefecture of the United States established.
NOV. 26, 1789: A national Thanksgiving Day is observed in the United States as recommended by President George Washington and approved by Congress.
NOV. 26, 1917: The National Hockey League is formed, with the Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa Senators, Quebec Bulldogs, and Toronto Arenas as its first teams.
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